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Applicant: Yasuhisa KITAHARA
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133, submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interview on February 21, 2007, between Examiner Loren C. EDWARDS, regarding the above-captioned application. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the date of February 21, 2007, of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

The Interview Summary for the interview of February 21, 2007 is of record in this application. Independent claims 2, 30 and 32 were discussed. With respect to independent claims 2 and 30, applicant's representative argued that the Salvat reference does not disclose performing preliminary combustion at or near top dead center. With respect to independent claims 30 and 32, applicant's representative argued that the Tashiro reference does not disclose starting the main combustion after an end of the preliminary combustion, but instead that Tashiro suggests that these combustions must overlap.

Respectfully submitted,

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